



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED LA PUERTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Claremont, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 23 to March 23, 2004

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan for the Claremont Unified School District's Proposed La Puerta Elementary School site. The school site is located at 2475 N. Forbes Ave., Claremont, CA 91711.

An environmental investigation was conducted at the proposed school site under the oversight of the DTSC, a branch of the California Environmental Protection Agency. During the investigation arsenic was detected in soil samples at levels that may pose a health risk. This workplan addresses the removal and offsite disposal of approximately 316 cubic yards of contaminated soil from the proposed site. The contaminated soil will be removed and transported to a permitted offsite disposal facility. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NOE document states that the project will not have a significant negative effect on the environment because of the relatively small volume, short project duration, and the controlled manner in which impacted soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken offsite for disposal/treatment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

The public has the opportunity to submit comments to DTSC, concerning the proposed soil removal action, within 30 days of this notice. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft Removal Action Workplan must be submitted in writing by March 23, 2004 to: Mr. Rao Akula, Project Manager, DTSC, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201, or rakula@dtsc.ca.gov.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft Removal Action Workplan and other project documents are available at the Claremont Public Library, located at 208 N. Harvard Ave. in Claremont, CA. Also, all site documents pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office in Glendale at the DTSC address listed above. Records contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886. For more information about the DTSC, please visit our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Treva Miller, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (818) 551-2846. CUSD Contact: Mr. Ralph Patterson, Assistant Superintendent, (909) 398-0602.